

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

JOHN DOE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No.
)	2:18-cv-02637-JPM/tmp
SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT;)	Jury Demanded
CHIEF KIRK FIELDS,)	
Interim Director Shelby County Jail;)	
UNKNOWN JAILER 1; and)	
FLOYD BONNER, current Sheriff of)	
Shelby County, as Successor to BILL)	
OLDHAM, individually and in their)	
official capacities,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**COMBINED MOTION AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT FOR STATUS
CONFERENCE REGARDING LENGTH OF TRIAL**

Defendant Shelby County moves the Court for a Status Conference in this case to address the currently unspecified length of trial. In support of its Motion, Shelby County states as follows:

1. Plaintiff brought this § 1983 lawsuit on September 6, 2018, against Shelby County, Chief Kirk Fields, current Sheriff Floyd Bonner, and former Sheriff Bill Oldham,¹ alleging that he was raped or sexually assaulted in the Shelby County Jail in 2018. (ECF 1-1).
2. The trial in this matter is currently set for Monday, April 13, 2020. (ECF 58).²

¹ Defendants Fields, Bonner, and Oldham are no longer defendants in either their individual or official capacities. (See ECF 15, PageID 65; ECF 22).

² Shelby County filed its Amended Sealed Motion for Summary Judgment on January 15, 2020. (ECF 60). Briefing is not yet complete. While Shelby County submits this Motion regarding trial length as a precautionary measure, it nonetheless firmly believes that there are no triable issues of fact and that it is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

3. However, at this time the trial is set for an indeterminate length of time, and is listed on the Court's calendar as lasting one day only. As there are multiple witnesses (including experts) involved, the trial will likely last multiple days.

4. Therefore, Shelby County requests a brief status conference with the Court to establish the length of the trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Consultation

I certify that I reached out to Plaintiff's counsel—Curtis Johnson—via email on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, regarding the relief sought in this Motion. As of this filing, Plaintiff's counsel has not responded.

Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing is being filed via the Court's ECF system this 16th day of January, 2020, for service on all persons registered in connection with this case, including:

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